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SPAIN.

*Report from Corunna—Inspection of immigrants.*CORUNNA, SPAIN, *May 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended May 26, 1900:

On May 21, steamship *Reina Maria Cristina*, from Bilbao and Santander with 38 cabin and 45 steerage passengers for Havana and Vera Cruz. The passengers embarked at Corunna were—for Mexico, 4 cabin and 22 steerage; for Cuba, 25 cabin and 153 steerage, inspected and passed, with 127 pieces of large and small luggage.

On May 23, steamship *La Normandie*, from Saint Nazaire and Santander with 34 cabin and 24 steerage passengers for Havana and Vera Cruz. Sixty-nine passengers embarked here, all steerage—12 for Mexico and 57 for Cuba, all inspected and passed. Fourteen were vaccinated prior to embarkation. Sixty-seven pieces of luggage were examined and labeled; 7 bundles of bedding and clothing were steamed.

During the last two weeks the following deaths from infectious diseases were registered: Typhoid fever, 1; measles, 1; whooping cough, 3.

Since my last report on May 5, there have been new outbreaks of smallpox in this district.

Respectfully,

JULIO HARMONY,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TAHITI.

*Quarantine against San Francisco, Cal., on account of plague.*TAHITI, *April 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a translation of a decree promulgated yesterday establishing a quarantine station at Mahaena, Tahiti. In connection with the matter, I wish to state that strict quarantine measures will be taken against all vessels arriving from San Francisco, now that the plague has made its appearance at that port. Indeed, it seems to me, that trade between that port and Tahiti will be almost suspended until the last case of plague disappears from the Pacific coast. The authorities here are determined to take all precautions to prevent the introduction of this dreaded disease in these islands, even to the extent of complete isolation by closing the port of Papeeti (Tahiti), if it be deemed necessary.

Respectfully,

J. LAMB DOTY,
United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

French possessions in Oceania.—Decree establishing a quarantine station at the islets Nausonty and Punru, situated in the district of Mahaena (Tahiti).

PAPEETI, *April 2, 1900.*

Article 1. A quarantine station is hereby established at the islets Nausonty and Punru, situated in the district of Mahaena.

Art. 2. All vessels arriving from contaminated or suspicious countries are to proceed there to effect their operations of discharging, unless exceptions are granted by the board of health.

Art. 3. The passengers and crews are to be subjected to all the quarantine measures the circumstances may demand.

Art. 4. The merchandise once discharged, is subjected to disinfection sufficient for its admission into the colony in perfect sanitary condition.

Art. 5. The quarantine station of Mahaena is placed under the regulations of the sanitary police, as stated in the decree of March 31, 1897.

Art. 6. All infractions of the present decree are subject to the penalties stated in the law of March 3, 1882

Art. 7. The chief of the judicial service and the chief of the sanitary service are each charged with the execution of the present decree.

C. GALLET,
Governor.

E. CHARLIER,
Chief of the Judicial Service.

H. LE MOIRE,
Chief of the Sanitary Service.

J. LAMB DOTY,
United States Consul.

TURKEY.

Report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 245.]

Bubonic plague intelligence.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *May 9, 1900.*

SIR: Since my last report bubonic plague has appeared among the inhabitants of Djiddah and among the pilgrims undergoing their quarantine at El-Tor. This disease has appeared also at Port Said and at Suakim, as well as at Alexandria, and what is worse it appeared at Smyrna in an old man, aged 60, Israelite. He had not quitted said city. The above sanitary intelligence is disquieting, especially that concerning Smyrna, which is the most appalling.

As soon as said news arrived, during yesterday's sitting of the superior sanitary commission, it was decided to forward to that place the sanitary inspector-general, Mr. Cozzonis. Some quarantine steps have been taken which surely are not enough to prevent the spread of the disease. I have proposed to send to Smyrna many doses of anti-pest serum and make the necessary injections in all persons who have had any relation with the old man. I proposed at the same time to send to Paris for the new microbic preparation by which Dr. Danysz is said to have exterminated the rats of the Beaujean Hospital, the rats at the Imprimerie Nationale and those of the Alma sewer.

I have the honor to forward a French copy of all the news concerning the outbreak of plague, as well as a copy of the decisions taken by the superior sanitary commission.

Public health in Constantinople.

In Constantinople we have to deal still with the epidemic of influenza, the prominent character of which is the fugacity of the symptoms and very often the long duration of the illness. On account of said long course several cases of influenza have been considered as typhoid fever cases. I contested diagnosis by stating the absence of the characteristic symptoms of the latter.

The symptoms of typhoid fever are, besides the stupor, which is characteristic, the tongue furred, diarrhea, the enlargement of the spleen, and the more or less characteristic diagrams of the temperature of the fever, not omitting the roseola spots. In influenza, besides that the above-mentioned symptoms are absent, the temperature of the body.